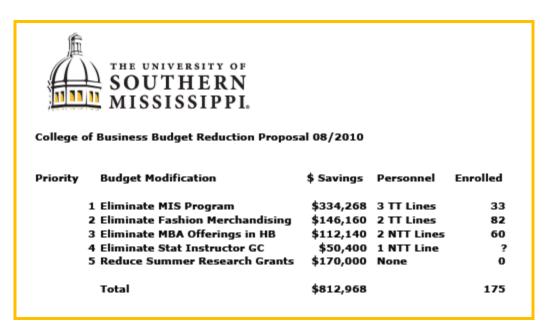
Special Report

The Nail-von Herrmann Recommendations

Proposals from USM's CoB & CoAL

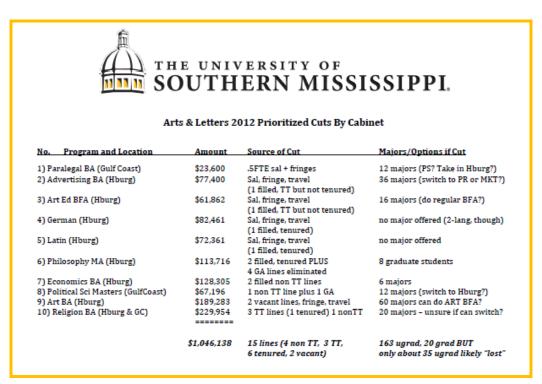
The lack of information surrounding the latest budget cuts (totaling \$15 million) at USM has only worsened the mood on the Hattiesburg and Long Beach campuses since late Aug-2010. Recently, however, the Martha Saunders administration began releasing some of the details of the process leading up to its decision to terminate 29 tenured and tenure-track faculty. The insert below presents the reduction proposals made by CoB dean Lance Nail (in Aug-2010).



As the insert above makes clear, Nail proposed to eliminate the CoB's MIS program, saving USM almost \$335,000 per year. This proposal included the termination of three faculty. As regular readers of USMNEWS.net are aware, this program was indeed eliminated by Saunders two weeks ago. Reports from campus have also stated that Kuo Lane Chen and James Magruder, both tenured associate professors of MIS, were two of three CoB faculty who were delivered terminal contracts before 1-Sept-2010. If three MIS faculty were terminated, however, then Chang-Tseh Hsieh, a professor of MIS, may also have been terminated, as a few reports have also suggested. Finally, it is interesting that Nail's second priority was eliminating the fashion merchandising program, which would result in the loss of two faculty lines. Those two lines would most likely be currently occupied by Gallayanee Yaoyuneyong and Erin Drake-Bridges, two untenured assistant professors of FM. Various campus reports have

put Drake-Bridges among the three CoB faculty who were supposedly delivered terminal notices before 1-Sept-2010.

Things were certainly interesting over in dean Denise von Herrmann's liberal arts college. The insert below shows the proposals she submitted to Saunders.



Many of the cuts reportedly made in the CoAL appear on von Herrmann's list of prioritized cuts above. Interestingly, philosophy and religion are both there, but only ranked 6th and 10th, respectively, out of the 10 prioritized cuts included on von Herrmann's list. Both of these units were, however, decimated by Saunders before 1-Sept-2010. Finally, the CoB's old economics unit appears 7th on von Herrmann's sheet, showing up with only six majors.